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FROM:

Michael D. Grant

SUBJECT:

1631210009 - St. Clair Co. - CWM-Trade Waste Incineration

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On December 5, 1991, I visited the subject facility to obtain information regarding the burning of dioxin ir one of the facility's incinerators. The facility reported this situation to the Agency on December 4, 1991. Upon arrival, I met with Dennis Warchol, Ray Smiley, and Wayne Fischer.

On December 3, 1991 at 9:15 p.m., 25 mg of 2, 3, 7, 8
Tetrachlorodibenzo-P-Dioxin was incinerated in a lab pack in the Unit #3
incinerator. The following is my understanding of the events leading up to
the incineration of the dioxin waste.

Controlled Waste, Division of Chemical Waste Management, Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin, was contracted by the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture Research Lab to collect, package and ship lab chemicals for disposal. The materials were shipped to TWI on September 6, 1991 and received at the facility on September 16, 1991 with Controlled Waste listed as the generator (See manifests listed as Attachment A). Receiver number 2-0239 was assigned to the waste contained on the manifest. This number is listed on the lower right hand corner of the manifest (Attachment A). As described to me by the TWI representatives, Controlled Waste used the list given to them by the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture. Controlled Waste scrutinized the list provided to determine any chemicals which could not be shipped to TWI. Line 7 of Attachment B is blacked out. I was told this was a container of Silvex which was not taken from the site because TWI is not permitted for this material. However, the actual bottles were not scrutinized, just the list.

The container inventory sheet (Attachment B) sent to TWI by Controlled Waste listed the lab chemicals contained in the 55 gallon drum. Line 5 lists 30-10 gram bottles of "Pesticide Samples containing Organo Chlorine". I was told the 25 mg bottle of dioxin was one of these 30 bottles. The waste, after arriving at TWI, was scheduled for repacking with the Technical Services Division so the 55 gallon drum could be broken down into burnable containers.

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The procedure utilized by Technical Services at TWI is to list the chemical names from the bottles on the container inventory sheet for the drum charge being prepared. The employee listed the chemicals contained in Receiver #2-0239-17-1. The 17 represents drum number 17 and the 1 represents charge #1 of drum 17. Attachment C is the container inventory sheet prepared by the repacker at TWI. Line 4 lists 25 mg of 2, 3, 7, 8 Tetrachlorodibenzo-P-Dioxin. The repacker did not recognize this waste as a non-permitted waste. This receiver was then placed on the burn plan. The repacks were moved to the incinerator #3 dock for processing on 12/3/91. At 21:15 (9:15 p.m.), charge receiver #2-0239-17-1 was incinerated. Attachment D is the solids charge log for wastes charged into the incinerator. The underlined charge contained the subject waste. This charge weighed 30.7 lbs.

However, as I was reviewing the paperwork on December 6, 1991, the identifier code listed on the Attachment B-Container Inventory is listed as WCR20. This is apparently for drum #20 listed on the manifest. I called Wayne Fischer and informed him of this and he told me it would be investigated and would call me back. At 4:30 p.m. on December 6, 1991, I received a phone call from Ray Smiley and Wayne Fischer. The container associated with the WCR20 inventory sheet was assigned receiver number 2-0239-17 at TWI. The numbers are assigned as the drums are unloaded at the site. Per Mr. Smiley, drum #20 was removed first and assigned the first corresponding drum number (17-See Section J, Item B, on the manifest). Per the TWI representatives, the documentation provided to me was correct as to the drum containing the 2, 3, 7, 8
Tetrachlorodibenzo-P-Dioxin lab solution.

The approval chemist who reviews the lab repack inventory sheets caught the chemical listed on Attachment C and immediately notified other TWI representatives. However, it was after the fact and it was determined that the container had already been incinerated. For Ray Smiley, measures have already been taken to prevent any future incidents of waste being incinerated prior to review by the approval chemists.

Upon discovery, all waste feeds for Unit #3 were shut down. This occurred at 11:30 a.m. on 12/4/91. The incinerator was rammed out at 7:00 a.m. on 12/4/91 and again at 11:30 a.m. after the waste feeds were shut down. Ramming out the incinerator is the process of engaging the ash ram to remove any ash collected in the belly of the incinerator. The hoppers containing the ash generated during this time were identified and the pneumatic tanker which collects the baghouse dust was also removed and segregated. There is approximately 20,000 pounds of dry scrubber solids in the pneumatic tanker. Per TWI representatives, the 4 hoppers were emptied into 7 85-gallon drums and the tanker brakes were initially disabled to prevent any accidental usage of it.

Waste feeds on Unit #3 were then started again at approximately 8:30 p.m. on December 4, 1991. We then discussed sampling and analytical procedures. TWI was proposing to sample the ash and baghouse dust generated at the time of the incident and the ash generated after the unit started up again. I also suggested that the ash pit water be analyzed. They agreed.

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I then went to the facility to observe the sampling. The first sample was taken from the ash hopper generated after the unit began burning waste again. This sample was identified as 12/5/91 ash. A composite sample was taken from the ash hopper. The second sample was taken from the metal container holding dry scrubber solids (baghouse dust). The dust was from the pneumatic tanker generated during the incident and was labeled as 12/3/91 Dry Scrubber Solids. The third sample taken was of the ash pit water and labeled as 12/5/91 ash pit water. The fourth sample collected was a composite of the seven drums of ash generated at the time of the incident. This sample was identified as 12/3/91 ash.

I also informed TWI that all residue generated since they began feeding after the incident should remain separated until sample verification results are received back indicating that the ash hopper generated 12/5/91 is clean. Ray Smiley agreed and instructed the appropriate officials that all ash generated from Unit #3 is to be kept segregated until further notice.

Through TWI's investigation, it was determined that the 2, 3, 7, 8
Tetrachlorodibenzo-P-Dioxin was a lab standard used by the Wisconsin Dept. of
Agriculture Research Lab for calibration of the GC/MS. This verification came
from personnel at the Wisconsin Dept. of Agriculture. As a result, this
chemical is not an FO26 or FO27 waste. This chemical is not a RCRA hazardous
waste and is not included in Section VIII, Table I (Attachment E) of the
facility's March 31, 1988 Part B Permit. Table I lists "Waste Which Shall Not
Be Received or Incinerated at Trade Waste Incineration". If this material had
been a F-waste, all associated residuals would be listed and the incinerator
would have to be shut down and RCRA closed.

#### MDG:cas/0742L Attachments

cc: Glenn Savage

cc: Bill Child cc: Doug Clay

cc: Charles Northrup cc: Bill Ingersoll

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#### Section VIII

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#### TABLE 1

# Wastes Which Shall Not be Received or Incinerated At Trade Waste Incineration

Hazardous Waste Number	. Compound	Reason
P009	Ammonium picrate	Compressed gas
P031	Cyanogen	Compressed gas
P033	Cyanogen chloride	Compressed gas
P056	Fluorine	Compressed gas
P063	Hydrogen cyanide	Compressed gas
P095	Phosgene	Compressed gas
P096	Phosphine	Compressed gas
U134	Hydrogen fluroide	Compressed gas
F020	Tri-, or tetrachlorophenols	Dioxins
F021	Pentachlorophenol	Dioxins
K001	Pentachlorophenol	Dioxins
F022	Tetra-, penta-, or hexachlorobenzenes	Dioxins
F023	Tri-, or tetrachlorophenols	Dioxins
F026	Tetra-, penta-, or hexa- chilorotenzenes	Dioxins
F027	Tri-, tetra-, or pentachlorophenols	Dioxins
F028	Sails/residues from F020-F027	Dioxins
U121	Trichloromonofluoromethane	H <sub>c</sub> <0.24 kcal/gr

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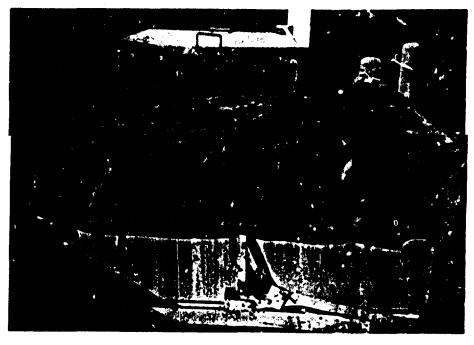
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Hazardous Waste Number	Compound	Reason
U225	Tribromomethane (Bromoform)	H <sub>e</sub> <0.24 kcal/gr
U075	Dichlorodifluoromethane	H <sub>c</sub> <0.24 kcal/gr
	Asbestos Wastes	Carcinogen
	Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB) greater than 50 ppm	Dioxins
	"Source, special nuclear, or by product material as defined by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, 42 U.S.C. 2011 et seq. or radioactive material discarded in accordance with Ill. Rev. Stat. ch. 111 1/2, Sec. 230.1 et seq."	

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